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WHY AREN'T YOU ALLOWED IN WITHOUT AN ADULT?

WE OFTEN PLAY IN THEM SECRETLY.

THERE'S TONS OF SECRET PATHS IN THE TOWN THOUGH.

THERE'S AN UNDERGROUND PATH WHICH LEADS TO THE "BELOW" BUT...

KIDS AREN'T ALLOWED TO USE IT.

WELL, IT'S DARK, AND THERE'S NOT REALLY ANY SIGN-POSTS.

AT ANY RATE, THE "BELOW" IS A TAD DIFFERENT TO ABOVE GROUND...

THIS IS A WORLD OF SUBTERRANEAN LIFE.

CHAPTER 13: THE SEA AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CAVES

THEY LURE IN INSECTS TO EAT.

THERE ARE MUSHROOMS AND GERMS HERE WHICH GIVE OFF LIGHT.

IT'S SO BRIGHT DESPITE BEING UNDERGROUND.

IT'LL BE RISKY IF INSECTS GATHER.

TURN OFF THE LIGHT.

COR-RECT!

THE MUSHROOMS EAT INSECTS?

BUT... THERE'S A LOT OF WEIRD LOOKING THINGS HERE.

THEY ALWAYS GIVE INTERESTING TALKS.

SOME OF THE REGULARS AT MY SHOP ARE SCHOLARS INTERESTED IN THE AREA.

COMPARED TO THE GROUND ABOVE, THERE ARE A LOT OF UNUSUAL CREATURES HERE.

YOU KNOW A LOT.

WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MR. GOLEM IS?

EH...?

Are the mushrooms walking?!

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I'M A LITTLE CURIOUS AS TO...

SAY...

MMM...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BUT YOU TWO HAVE A SORT OF STRANGE AIR TO YOU.

THAT'S...

YOU CALLED HIM YOUR FATHER.

BUT IT'S QUITE UNUSUAL FOR A DIFFERENT SPECIES TO FOSTER ANOTHER.

WELL, PLENTY OF CUSTOMERS COME TO MY SHOP.

JUST STAY HIDDEN...!

WHAT'S WRONG?

ARGH?!

THIS WAY SOMALI!

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WHAT IS IT?

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THAT SCARED ME...!

IT'S GONE...

THAT'S NOT AN INSECT YOU'D NORMALLY SEE ACTIVE.

BUT IT'S ODD...

...

I GUESS IT FOUND SOME PREY.

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FATHER'S FATHER AS THAT'S WHAT HE CALLED HIMSELF.

SOMALI?

WHAT YOU JUST ASKED

WHEN IT'S A LONELY NIGHT, HE'LL COUNT THE STARS

HE'LL GUIDE SOMALI WHEN SOMALI'S LOST

HE'LL PROTECT SOMALI WHEN IT'S DANGEROUS.

SO...

FATHER'S BY SOMALI'S SIDE

: ...

...

THAT'S WHY FATHER'S SOMALI'S FATHER.

?

AMAZING! IT'S A WHOLE FIELD OF YUZAME...

oooh...

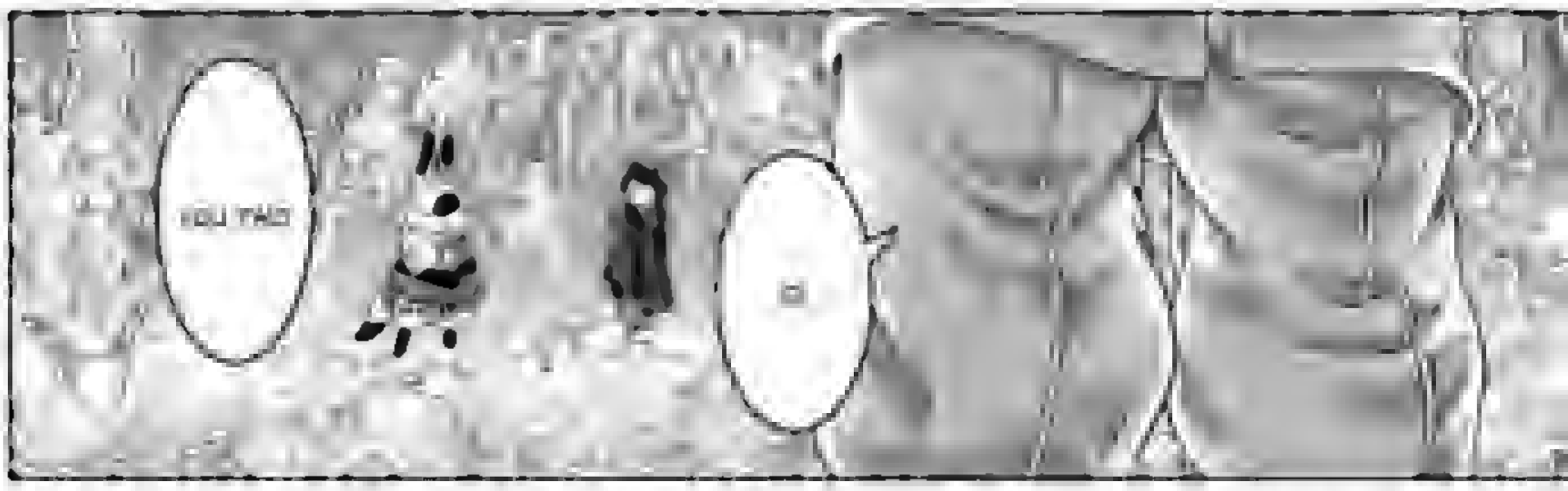
...?

IT CAN BE DANGEROUS JUST DOING THINGS BY YOURSELF SUMMA!

LET'S FIND THE LARGEST!

AH!

RUN SOMALI!



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SIDE STORY

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COMING ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE?

SO WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU TWO LITTLE BRATS LOOKING FOR...

EEP

MASTER MUSURIKA!

HEH?!

HAVE YOU READIED YOURSELF FOR WHAT'S TO COME?

CHAPTER 14:
THE FLOWERS
BLOOMING
UNDERGROUND

YOU KNOW HIM KIKIIRA?

SORRYYY.

GEEZ. WHAT AM I ALWAYS SAYING ABOUT YOU KIDS COMING DOWN HERE ALONE.

OWOWOW!

...

THE GROUP ACTS AS GUIDES AND ESCORT FOR THOSE WHO COME DOWN HERE.

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A PLACE FOR KIDS TO PLAY AROUND.

I BROUGHT HIM BACK WHEN HE WENT DOWN HERE AS A KID.

MM... THIS IS MISTER MUSURIKA.

I'M A MEMBER OF THE GROUP WHICH MANAGES THIS PLACE...

THE "CHILDREN OF THE EARTH".

I PATROL THE AREA LOOKING FOR IDIOTS WHO END UP COMING DOWN HERE, LIKE KIRA.

NO WAY YOU CAN BRING THAT ONE BACK.

IT'LL HAVE DRIED OUT BY THE TIME YOU'RE HOME.

E... ERMM...

EEEEH?!

IF YOU GET THAT THEN GO ON AND GET HOME!

EEEH, WHY?!

SOMA!?

ALREADY WILITNG.

THE FLOW-ER'S...

I GUESS YOU HEARD THE STORY ABOUT MAKING A WISH ON THE YOZAME?

FIRST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

SO IT CAN'T BE USED AS A GOOD LUCK CHARM?

THE VOLCANIC FUMES SPEWING FROM THIS GAP

IN THEM FLOWS GAP

THEY'RE BITS OF AN EARTH NOT THIS

BLOOD?

AND THE VOLCANIC GASES BUILDING IN SUCH LOW NUMBERS AREAS ARE FATAL

THEY'LL MIX THE ATOMIC PARTICLES FROM THE VOLCANO

BUT THE GAP DISAPPEARS AS YOU GET TO THE TOP OF THE PLOT

NO

THE ACCESS FOR YOU TWO

THESE ARE MORE RESILIENT FLOWERS WITH MORE BLOOD

SOMA..! WON'T GIVE UP!

NOT UNTIL THE FIRE FOUND

S SOMA-... GO BACK ALONE THEN!

EVEN IF I LEAVE YOU?

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GEEZ, YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'LL BUDGE AT ALL.

MAS-TER?

E ERM

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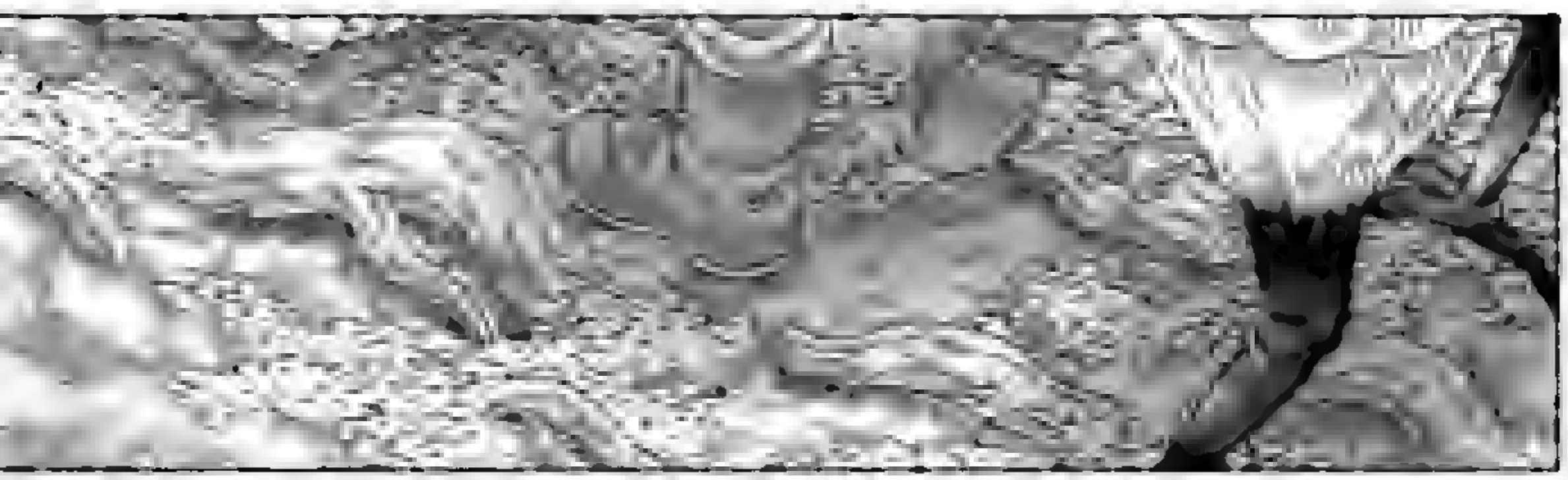

I'D BE ABLE TO BRING BACK THE PICTURE FROM THERE.
BUT ONCE I'VE ALREADY BEEN THERE, I'LL BE ABLE TO GO BACK AGAIN. I'M SURE OF IT!
GOT IT!

I FOUND A TRAIL TO EARTH AND THAT BACK- WHEN I WAS WITH SOME SCHOOLGIRLS.

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FUBEH?!

...?

UWAAH?!

IT'S SOFT—

LET'S GO

THE YOZAME ARE JUST AHEAD

!

IT'S A MUSHROOM TUNNEL.

THERE

...

OVER THERE

YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOZAME!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE THOSE ONES

IT'S TIME SOME BABYSITTING KIDS

GOOD GRIEF

MM!

COME ON KIKYO!

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AN EARTH LIZARD!

SHIT!

EEK...?!

...!

EEEK!

IT'S TOO CLOSE...

DAMN IT.

...!

WAAAH!

...

KIKIIRA...

PLEASE...

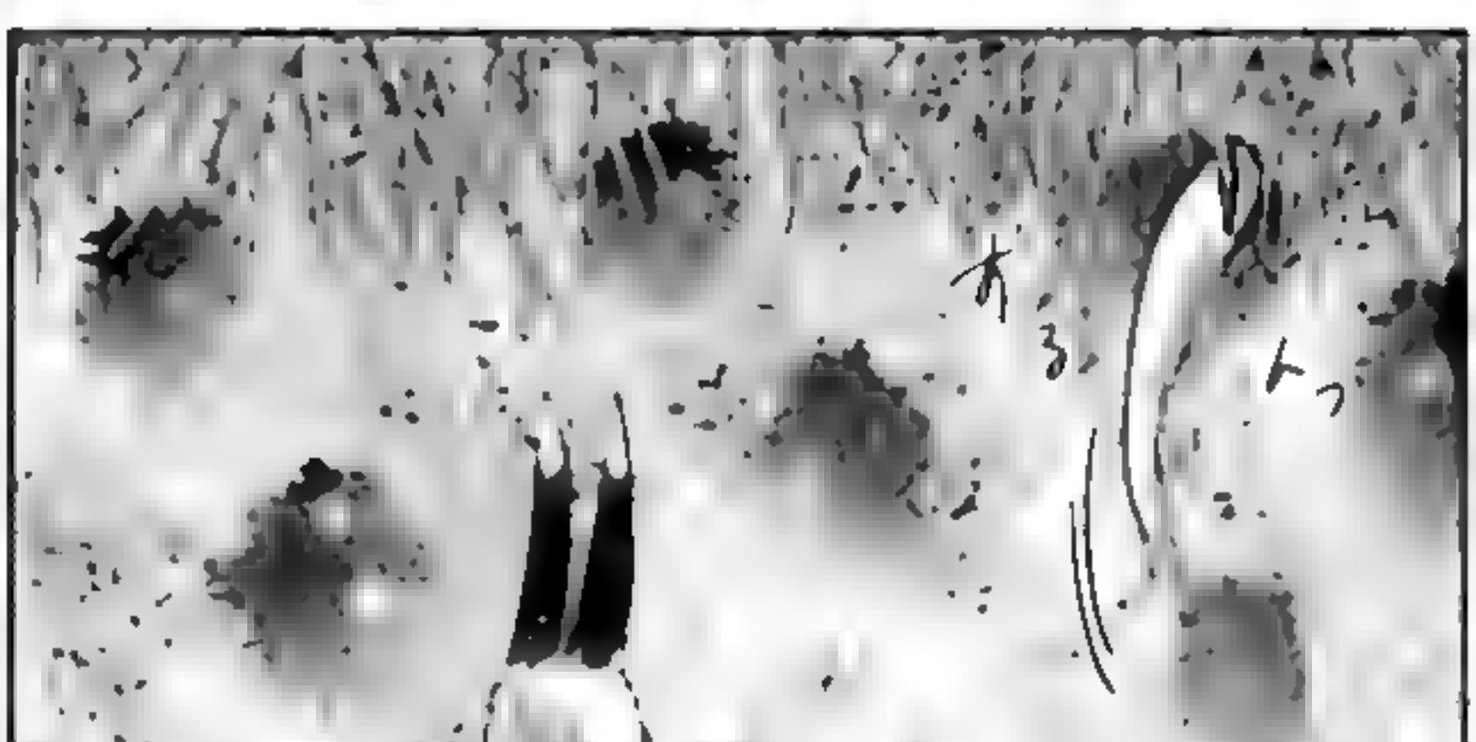
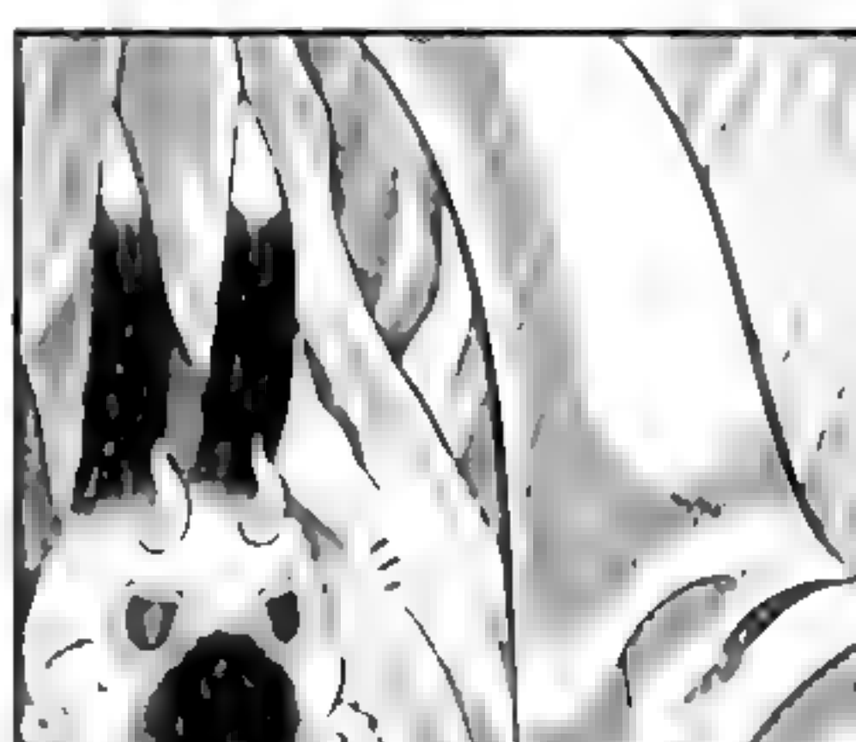
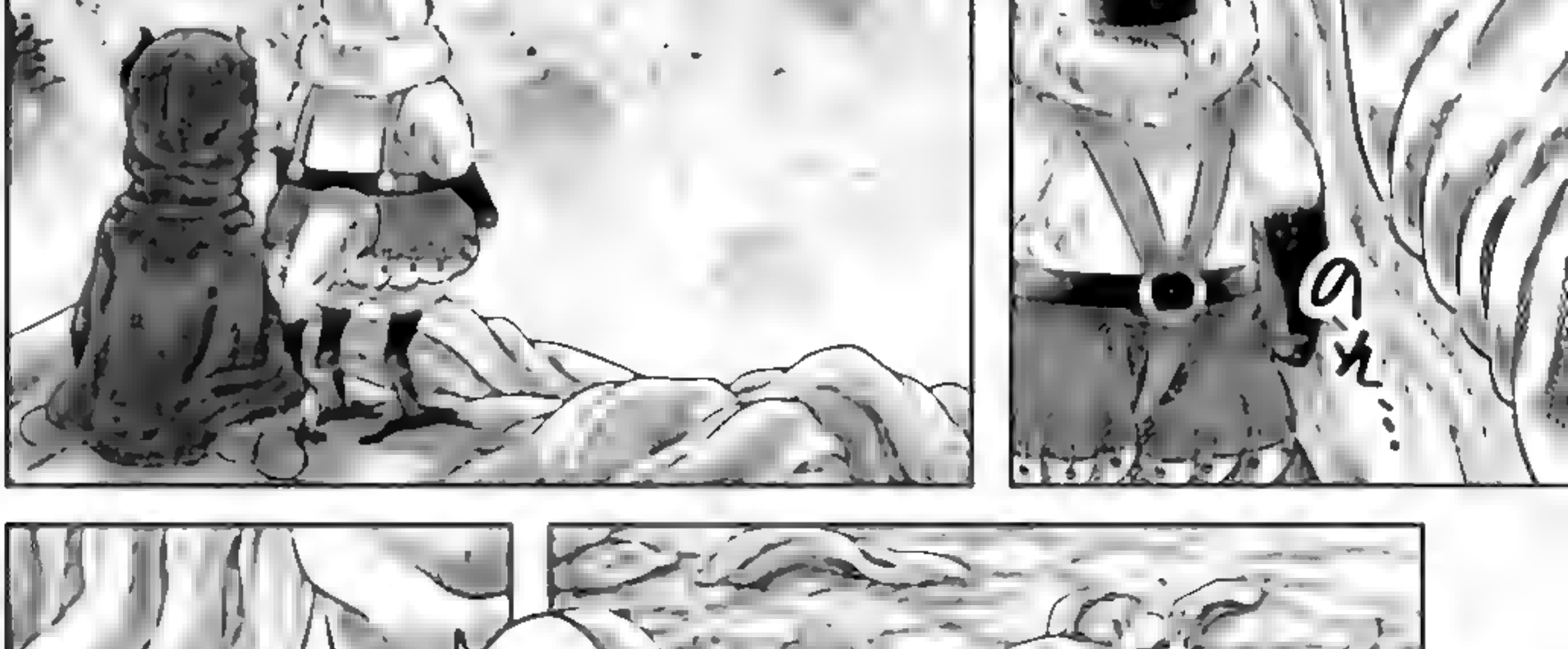
THIS FLOWER IS IMPORTANT.

IT HAS TO GET BACK...

SO...

...!

SOMALI CAN MAKE A WISH FOR FATHER!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

...

IT MUST'VE BEEN WEAKER THAN YOU KIDS

BUT WHY DID IT SPARE US?

YOU CERTAINLY ACTED TOUGH KIDA

I'M FINE

THANKS

BUT IT OVERLOOKED YOU SO...

THEY PROTECT THE FLOWERS

THEY EAT THE BUGS WHICH GATHER BY YOZAME IN A SENSE

THE EARTH LIZARD'S FEEDING GROUND COVERS THE TREES HERE

IT MUST'VE WANTED YOU TO MAKE YOUR WISH.

RIGHT NOW TIME TO GO

YOU'VE A WISH TO MAKE

MM!

CHAPTER 14 - END

SIDE STORY

HAWAAAH!

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...!

THEY'RE BACK!

...

AH!

CHAPTER 15: THE WISH FULFILLING FLOWER AND THE PROMISE LONGED FOR

FUGYA?!

THAT IDIOT SON OF MINE!

MR. MUSURIKA!

BUT THAT'S NUH-UH

YET AGAIN YOU NEEDED MR. MUSURIKA'S HELP!

I'VE MY USUAL DELIVERY

FATHER

I'M BAAACK!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO SIMPLY GO OFF AND DO THINGS OF YOUR OWN ACCORD.

THIS IS

N... NO!

UNLESS THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE TO IT?

SOMALI JUST WANTED FATHER...

IF YOU SIMPLY GO OFF AND ACT LIKE THIS AGAIN, WE'LL BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY.

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE. SOMALI WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK THE DIVERSION.

ENOUGH OF THAT.

K'KIIRA WAS THE ONE WHO...

MR...

MR. GOLEM.

IT'S CALLED A YOKAI...

THERE'S A LEGEND ABOUT THEM AROUND HERE

A YOKAI FOR ME?

SHE BROUGHT A YOKAI FOR...

BUT SHE BELIEVED IT AND WENT UNDERGROUND

IF YOU MANAGE TO BRING ONE BACK WITHOUT IT BITING YOU I'LL GRANT A WISH YOU ASK OF IT.

IT'S A SELF-ALE

...

SHE WAS

GOING TO ASK IT IF SHE COULD

STAY WITH YOU.

...!

YOU SHOULD GO AND SEE HER

I'M SORRY

...

I...

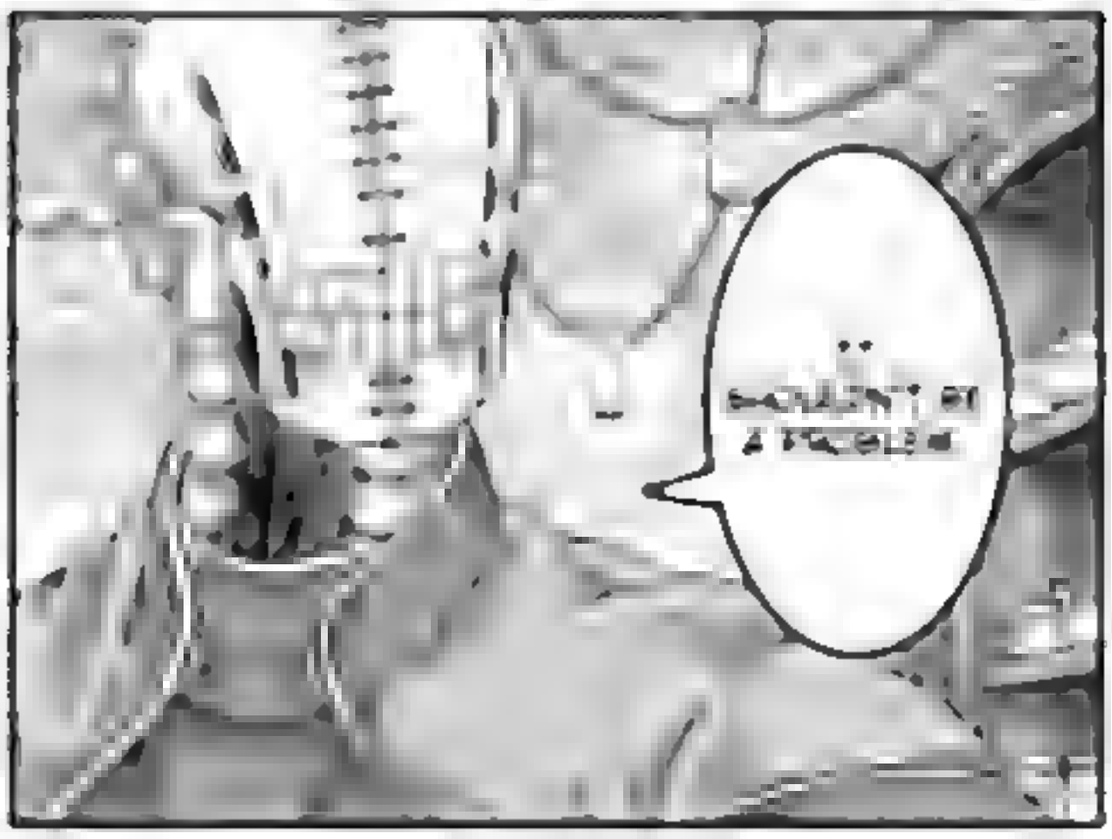
...

IT'S NOT ME YOU SHOULD SAY "ME" TO

HUH?

SCHOOL?

WILL YOU BE ABSENT BY YOURSELF?
NO, I DON'T MIND BUT...
YES
SCHOOL HAS A FEVER?!


I DON'T BE A PROBLEM

YOU WON'T GET BETTER IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY NUTRIENTS

SOMALI DOESN'T WANT TO EAT

...

...

SOMALI FEELS BAD

...

I'D LIKE TO BUY SOME MEDICINE

I'VE A CHILD WITH A FEVER

AND WHAT RACE ARE THEY?

WHAT DO YOU WANT THIS LATE AT NIGHT?

DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING BETTER TO DO THAN BOTHER ME ANY RACE?

...

EH?

WELL...

I DON'T BUT

PLEASE...

EEH?!

I DON'T KNOW THEIR PARTICULAR RACE

I'LL TAKE IT.

SORT OF.

NOT AT ALL...

DID YOU BUY SOME-THING?

MR. GOLEM?

SO YOU WERE WATCHING OVER SOMALI.

YOU'RE A REAL HELP.

MM...

BUT THERE'S ALSO A MENTAL ASPECT TO IT.

WHICH I IMAGINE IS MY FAULT.

...

MR. GOLEM?

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE TROUBLE.

I BELIEVE SOMALI'S ILLNESS IS DUE TO FATIGUE.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE PERFECT PARENT.

IF YOU MESS UP, YOU HOLD THEM TIGHT AND APOLOGISE.

IF THEY DO SOME-THING THEY SHOULDN'T, YOU TEACH THEM NOT TO.

OR AT TIMES MOVED TO TEARS...

WHEN IT COMES TO EMOTIONS, I CAN FIND MYSELF ANGRY...

FROM TIME TO TIME EVEN I MESS UP.

NEXT KIKIIRA WILL BE MAKING ME LAUGH.

AND YET...

FAMILY...

I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT FAMILY IS.

THAT'S HOW CHILDREN AND PARENTS GROW.

WE'RE EQUAL IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.

SO PLEASE...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

FUFU...

IT'S FINE.

YOU HAVE MY GRATI-TUDE.

MM.

YOUR FEVER'S MOSTLY GONE DONE.

THE MEDICINE APPEARS TO HAVE WORKED.

...

!

STILL, I'LL...

HAVE TO WORK A LITTLE LONGER THAN PLANNED.

...

MM...

IT WAS BAD THOUGH!

MEDICINE CAN BE BITTER.

...!

IT'D BE BETTER I GATHER AS MUCH AS I CAN FOR OUR TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

EH... WH... WHY?

SO LONG AS YOU'RE BETTER IT'S... ALRIGHT.

WAS IT FOR SOMALI'S MEDICINE?

...

IT WAS SOMALI'S FAULT...?

...

I CAN ALWAYS WORK FOR MORE MONEY.

I CAN'T REPLACE YOU SOMALI.

BUT...

FAAATHER!

...

SOMALI'S SORRY FOR HEADING OFF ELSEWHERE...

IT'S FINE. I SAID TOO MUCH.

I'M SORRY.

SOMALI?

WILL YOU ALWAYS STAY WITH SOMALI, FATHER?

OVER?

EVEN WHEN THE JOURNEY'S

...

WE...L

AAH...

LET'S STAY TOGETHER FOREVER.

MM...

FATHER!

IT'S A PRO-MISE!

A PROMISE...

REALLY?!

HOW UNUSUAL.

TO MEET A GOLEM IN THE ANT HOLE TOWN...

MUSURI-KA...

I WAS...

A SOLDIER WHO CAME HERE LONG AGO.

...

EVEN WATCHMEN GOLEMS LIKE YOU.

I'VE GONE ALL OVER THE LAND.

I'D SEEN ALL SORTS OF WEIRD PLANTS AND RACES.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIE YOU KNOW.

YET THEY'D NEVER SHOWED THE SORT OF EMOTION YOU DO.

...

I WONDER IF...

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

...

CHAPTER 15 - END

SIDE STORY

I HAD SOME MAJOR BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO

BUT THIS SHOULD BE FINE. RIGHT?

MY APOLO-GIES

ALRIGHT

HAHA

SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SO LAX WITH THE KIDS

I SUPPOSE IT MAKES SENSE

OH GUARDIAN OF THE FLOWERS

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AH...

MM!

IT'S TIME WE SET OFF.

SOMALI.

...!

...

IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.

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KIKIIRA.

SO WE'RE GOING TO MEET AGAIN?

WE... "CAN'T AROUND LIKE?

SHALL BE WITH FATHER

...

...

SUMAI!

...

CHAPTER 16: CROSSING THE SANDY LAND

SOMALI REFUSES YOUR REFUSAL!

...

LISTEN TO ME SOMALI!

OKAY...

BUT TO TAKE A DRAGO RIDE ACROSS THE DESERT MEANS A WHOLE DAY TO CROSS THE KOSUNA, ALL UNDER THE BLAZING SUN.

WHAT'S MORE, WE CAN PREPARE FOR OUR CROSSING OF THE OOSUNA TOO.

WITH THE TROLLEY WE CAN SAFELY CROSS THE KOSUNA UNDERGROUND IN A FEW HOURS.

ARGUMENTS LIKE THAT AREN'T...

THEY LOOK FUN!

B... BUT...

NOW, NOW, NOW!

IT'S FINE AIN'T IT, GOOD SIR?

IT SHOULD BE CLEAR WHICH IS THE QUICKEST AND SAFEST ROAD TO TAKE.

NO NO NO!

MEMO-RIES ARE...

MEANINGLESS.

PARENT-ING?

THE FUN MEMORIES YOU HAVE AS A KID WILL REMAIN LATER ON IN LIFE.

IT ALSO TIES INTO PARENTING.

EVEN IF YOU ARE UNDER THE HOT SUN, THERE ARE FEW DANGERS IN THE KOSUNA.

WOULDN'T IT MAKE A NICE MEMORY FOR THE LITTLE MISS?

IS THAT SO...

TAKE MYSELF FOR INSTANCE!

IF YOU DON'T HAVE PLENTY OF NICE MEMORIES AS A KID...

YOU'LL NOT END UP A DECENT PERSON.

OH, THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

VERY WELL THEN.

HOW MUCH FOR TWO?

LOOK.

AS YOU GET FURTHER OUT YOU'LL SEE ALL SORTS OF INTRESTING THINGS.

AHAHA.

THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE NO OBSTACLES.

THE SKY'S SO LOW..!

?!

I SEE...

THEY'RE LIKE PLANTS THAT GROW DEEP THROUGH THE SAND!

THEY'LL PUT AROUND LIKE THAT, EATING BUGS

I SEE THEY'RE PLANTS AND CALLED SARCOPLEURA.

YA!!

THEY ARE

WHAT!

ARE THEY TASTY!!

THEY'RE ONLY PUNKASUS

IS THIS

LET'S HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT HERE

WOULD YOU MIND GIVING ME A HAND.

IF I MUST.

GOT IT!

ETC.

WE'VE NO FOOD

YOU PEEL OFF THE HARD SKIN...

Ahaha there!

Under-stood

IF A SHABOTOGE IS FLOWERING IT SHOULD BE EDIBLE.

THEN BOIL IT FOR A WHILE IN HOT WATER.

SAND ZARA'SU MEAT AND ROAST HERBS

WARM SHABOTOGE SALAD WITH...

MM...

IS IT GOOD?

MMMM!

IT IS!

NASSA!

IT CAN BE FUN SOURCING FOOD LOCALLY

I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D BE ABLE TO HAVE SUCH A MEAL IN THE DESERT

SHABOTOGE IS SOFT AND FLAKY...!

ISN'T THE DESERT AMAZING?!

FATHER!

ARE YOU OKAY ..

SOMALI?

...?

STILL...

I CAN SHOW YOU A REALLY COOL SECRET TONIGHT.

SO YOU'RE NOT SCARED THEN.

IT HAS THINGS LIKE THAT MOUNTAIN TORTOISE?!

HAHAHA

GOT IT.

IT'S REALLY EXCITING!

CHAPTER 18 - END

SIDE STORY

AH, CERTAINLY SIR.

LET'S SEE, ONE CHILD'S ROBE, ONE SCARF...

THE BILL PLEASE.

SORRY. COULD YOU GET ME THAT OVER THERE INSTEAD.

EH?

Father!

IT WAS A GOOD PURCHASE.

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YOU WON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO COVER THE COST.

I'LL TAKE SECOND HAND INSTEAD...

OKAY.

It'd suits her

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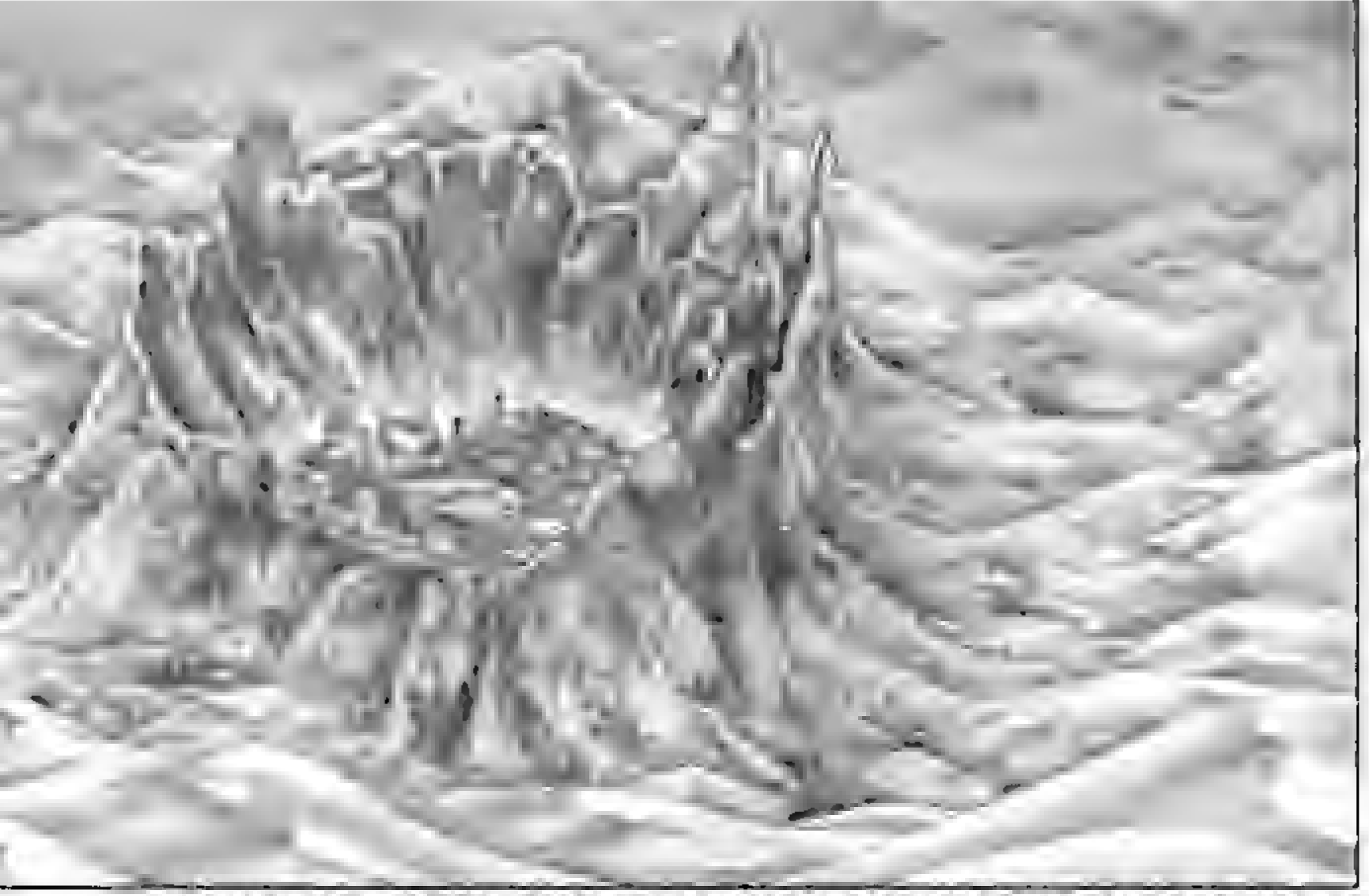

CHAPTER 17: THE TOWN OF SAKAZUKI

AAAL-RIGHT

SO IT'LL BE THE TWO OF YOU STAYING THEN.

I'LL BE HEADING OFF NOW

WELL GOOD SIR.

NOT AT ALL! IT'S JUST A PART OF THE JOB

I'M GRATEFUL YOU EVEN SHOWED US TO THE INN.

MM!

LET'S GET OUR LUGGAGE TO THE ROOM.

IT'S SO BIG!

THE PILLOW'S ALL FLUFFY TOO.

OUR GUIDE CERAINLY HAD GOOD JUDGEMENT.

THE ROOM WAS CHEAP, BUT IT SEEMS NICE.

SO THERE'S PLENTY OF HOT SPRINGS, AND RESTAURANTS.

ANYONE SET ON CROSSING THE OOSUNA HAS TO REST HERE AT LEAST ONCE.

IT'S AN INN TOWN INTENDED FOR TRAVELLERS.

OR SO THE INNKEEPER SAID

HMM...

BEFORE THE VILLAGE IT WAS THE SITE OF A VOLCANO.

AN ERUPTION EMPTIED OUT THE CRATER, AND IT BECAME A VERY CONVENIENT SPOT FOR AVOIDING SANDSTORMS.

LET'S GET TO THE DINING ROOM AND HAVE SOME DINNER.

!

OKAY!

TRAVELLERS WOULD GATHER INSIDE, WHICH SEEMINGLY LED TO THE TOWN.

HERE'S TO A GOOD JOURNEY!

...
SORRY FOR THE WAIT

AND ME!
GEMME ONE "A"

HERE'S TO A GOOD JOURNEY!
OOOH GEMME ANOTHER DRINK!
WHEN THAT'S REAL GOOD!

DO PEOPLE OFTEN COME HERE TO DRINK?

AND SOME WATER

SAND ZARATSU TOMATO PASLEATTA

AND LIME JUICE

OOOH...

SOMEHOW, MIRACULOUSLY, ALL THE TRAVELLERS WHO HAD GATHERED THERE SAFELY MADE IT ACROSS THE DESERT

IT'S AN OLD CUSTOM IN THE TOWN

AAH!

SINCE THEN, MANY USE THAT HEAVY DRINKER

THE MAN WOULD SHARE HIS DRINK WITH EVERYONE AND MAKE A WISH FOR ALL THINGS

TRAVELLERS WILL MAKE MERRY IN THE HOPES OF SAFELY CROSSING THE DESERT

PAST TO THE DAYS BEFORE THE VILLAGE WHEN NUMEROUS TRAVELLERS WOULD GATHER IN THE VOLCANO DEMANDS

THERE WAS ONE PARTICULAR HEAVY DRINKER AMONGST THEM

AND WINE WAS MADE BY DISTILLING MAIZE.

IT'S A LOCAL SPECIALITY.

SAKAZUKE CUPS WERE MADE FROM THE ROCKS SURROUNDING THE VILLAGE.

T/N: THE JAPANESE USED HERE FOR MAIZE IS "TOUKIBI".

YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG FOR WINE SOMALI.

YOU'RE STRICT!

IS IT SWEET?!

MAIZE COULD CERTAINLY BE A SOURCE OF SUGAR IN THE DESERT.

IN THAT CASE ADD ONE OF THOSE...

MAY I HAVE ONE OF THOSE MAIZE ICE CREAMS TOO?

WE'VE A MAIZE ICE CREAM FOR KIDS.

I'M NOT COPYING YOU!

THE SAME ICE CREAM?

ERM, MY APOLO-GIES.

WE ONLY HAVE ONE REMAINING.

OH.

SOMALI'LL HAVE IT!

SOMALI!

!?

AH! HOLD ON?!

...

HEY.

THAT'S NO WAY FOR A LITTLE KID TO TALK TO THEIR ELDER!

HAAAAAH?!

WHY'RE YOU JUST COMING OUT WITH THAT?!

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT...

WOULD YOU TWO STOP CAUSING A FUSS.

SOMALI'S NOT A LITTLE KID!

YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY AN ADULT EITHER!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING THERE?!

YOU...?

...

HUH?

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO CAUSE TROUBLE

I MUST APOLOGISE FOR MY COMPANION.

HAIJORA

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I HAD BOUGHT SOME UNUSUAL TEA AND TREATS FROM AN ISLAND NATION.

PLEASE, HELP YOURSELF.

Aaah

LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!

I'VE A WEAK CONSTITUTION... I'M TRAVELLING IN ORDER TO CURE IT.

WE'RE TRAVELLING IN SEARCH OF A MEDICINE.

YES.

WE'VE A CART.

SO YOU'RE TRAVELLING TOGETHER?

THIS ONE'S RATHER UNRELIABLE, BUT SHE COMES WITH ME.

YOU'RE THE ONLY UNRELIABLE ONE HAITORA!

I'M A NOBLE HARPY.

WHILE HAITORA IS A FALCOHORU... A RACE WITH A BIRD LIKE HEAD.

AAH, BUT YOU THOUGHT WE WERE PARENT AND CHILD?

AND?

WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO?

I SEE.

WELL, HE'S MORE OR LESS MY GUARDIAN.

THERE'S A LOT TO IT.

WE'RE...

...?

TRAVELLING IN SEARCH OF HUMANS.

W... WELL...

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?

HMM...

...

WE'RE INVESTIGATING HUMANS.

IN THAT CASE!

SAY!

UZOI?

HEY, IT'S FINE ISN'T IT?

WHY DON'T YOU CROSS THE DESERT WITH US?

SO THAT WAS YOUR AIM.

UFU, DID I EXPOSE MYSELF?

I MEAN, WE HAVE ALL SORTS OF BULKY LUGGAGE TO CROSS THE DESERT.

IT'S A REAL PAIN TO LOAD AND UNLOAD IT ALL, SO HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

?

STILL, IT'D BE A HARD PATH TO WALK ON FOOT...

...

...

LEAVE IT TO US!

SOMALI AND I WILL BE IN YOUR CARE.

UNDER-STOOD.

...

UZOI.

YOU WEREN'T SIMPLY BEING, KIND WERE YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING TO DO?

THAT HOODED CHILD...

...

COR-RECT.

...!

HAD THE SAME SMELL AS YOU HAITORA.

IT COULDN'T BE...

SHE DID.

SHE'S DEFINITELY A HUMAN.

THE SAME AS YOU.

I'VE BEEN THINKING...

IT WOULD BE FINE RIGHT...?

SAY...

HAITORA...

ONCE WE LEAVE...

IF WE CROSS THE DESERT WITH THOSE TWO...

WE COULD KIDNAP THE GIRL.

CHAPTER 17 - END

SIDE STORY

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LET'S EAT!

EAT SLOWER YOU'LL END UP CHOKING

MM.

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YOU'VE BEEN MAKING A MOUNTAIN OF ICE CREAM EVERY MORNING

IT'S ALRIGHT ISN'T IT

ONCE WE'RE IN THE DESERT WE WON'T EAT FOR A WHILE

WE'VE FRESHLY MADE BREAD, ALL YOU CAN EAT

WELL I GUESS THERE'S NOT A LOT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

LET'S GO SOMA!

YOU'RE GONNA EAT MORE?!

MM!

QUITE

I GUESS THEY BOTH BACK UP THE FOOD BILLS

Somali and the Forest Spirit

WE COULD KIDNAP THE GIRL.

WE CAN'T!

IT'D BE POINTLESS.

NOT AT ALL.

KIDNAP... THE GIRL?

UZOI, THAT'S...

...!

WERE YOU TO DRINK HER BLOOD, YOUR ILLNESS MIGHT BE CURED.

YOU'VE LITTLE TIME LEFT RIGHT?

HAITORA.

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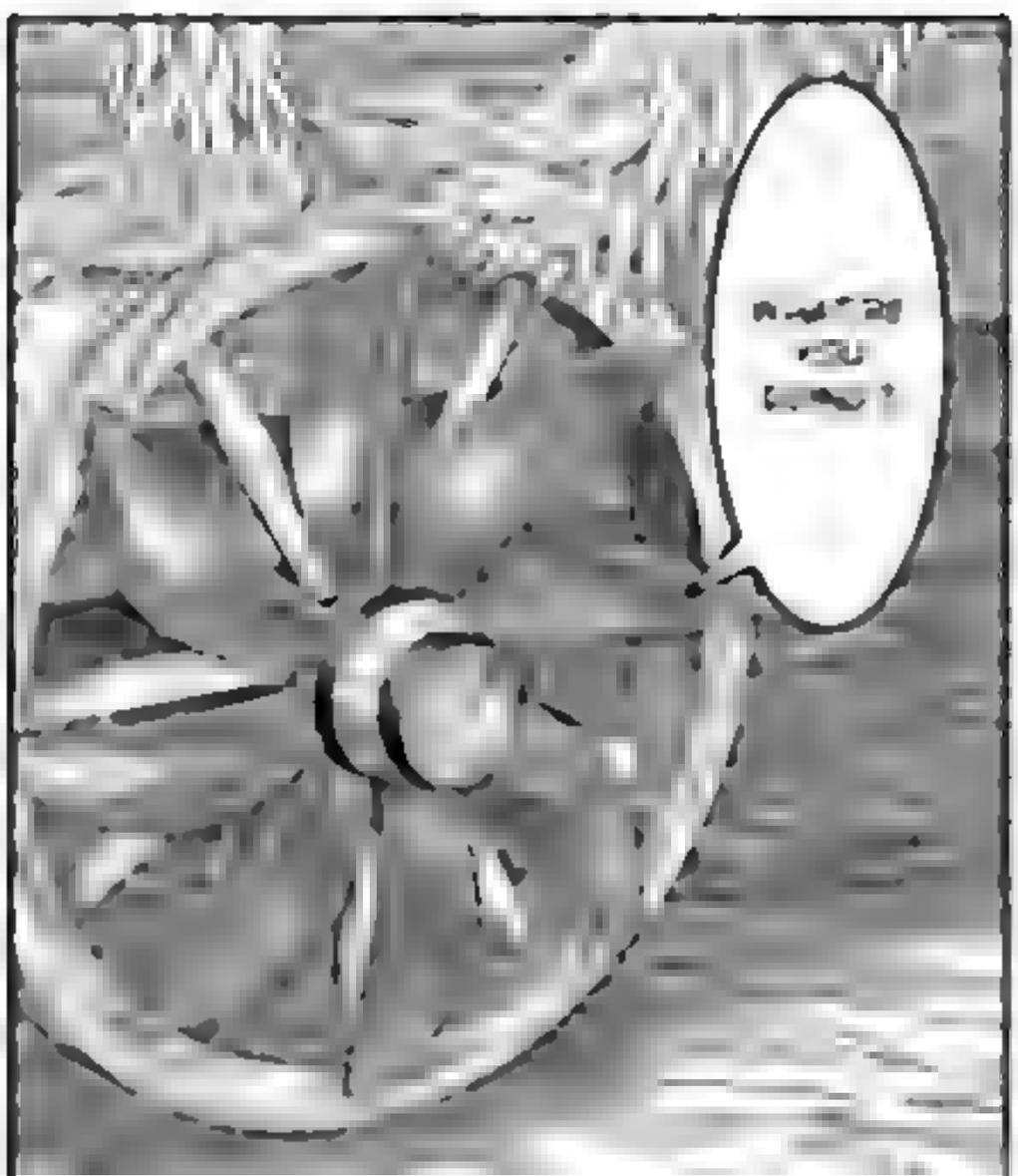
I WANT TO GAMBLE UPON THAT GIRL.

PLEASE...

CHAPTER 18: THE WAVERING BIRD



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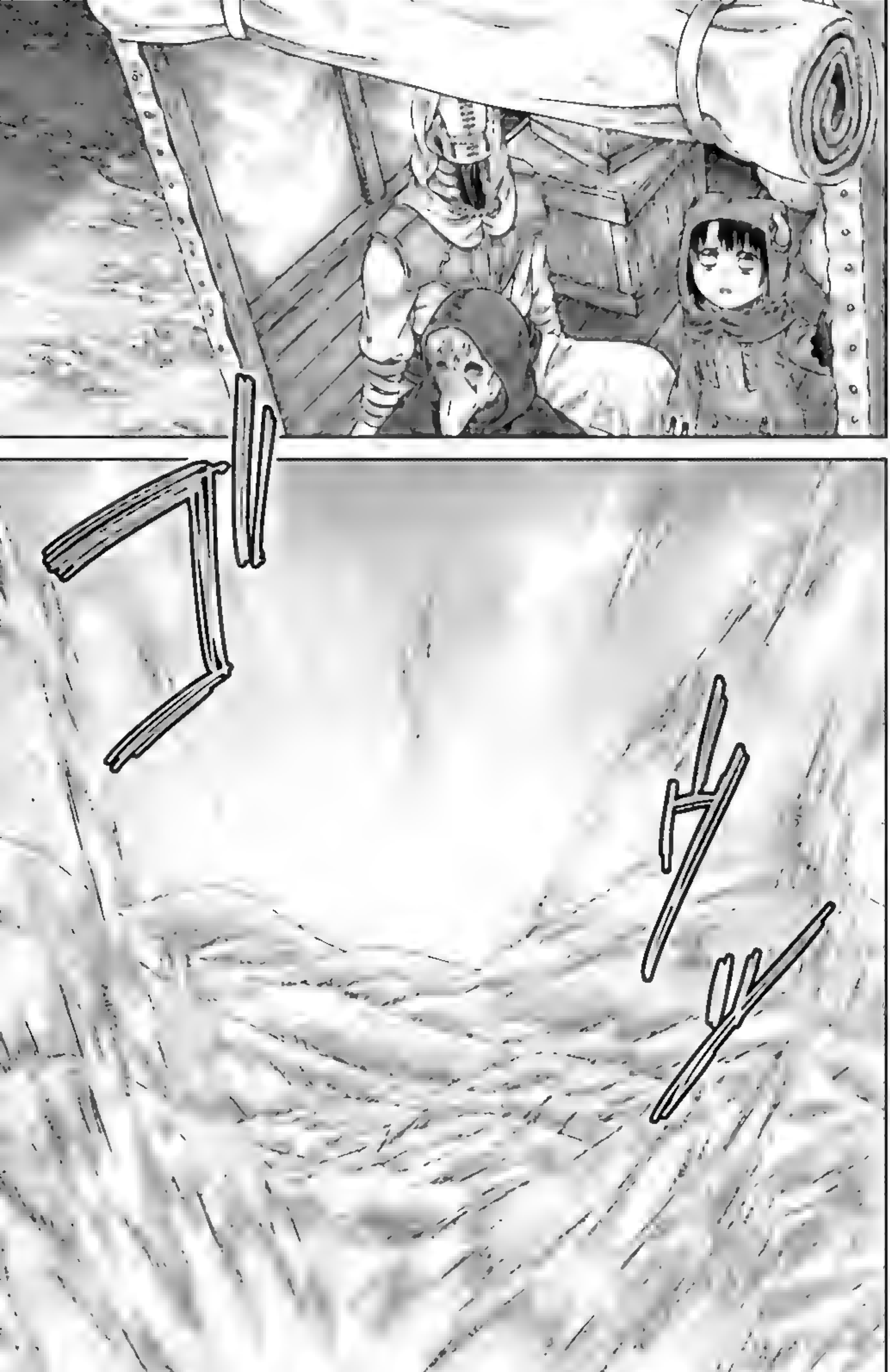
COME ON MUM

OPEN THE GATES!



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THE AIR CURRENTS HERE ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX.

IT'D BE MORE FITTING TO CALL IT A ROUGH SEA THAN A DESERT

IT'S REALLY SHAKING!

YOU TWO...

BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL OUT...

IS THERE NO ALTERNATE ROUTE?

THERE'S A SAFER PATH TO THE WEST BUT IT'S TIME CONSUMING.

ON FOOT IT'D TAKE YOU HALF A YEAR.

HALLAH?!

SOMALI!

GUEH!

IT'D BE TROUBLE IF YOU WEREN'T HERE!

DON'T TRY AND FALL THE MOMENT IT'S MENTIONED!

SO SOMALI'S IMPORTANT TO UZOI THEN!

WH... WHAT IS IT?

NHEHEHE...

WH...?! NOT AT ALL!

IT'S NOT THAT...!

WA.... WA.... WHAT'S THAT?!

HAITORA.

THERE ARE DEADLY FIELDS OUT IN THE DESERT!

IT'S A GAME SHIELD!

HOOYAH!

Ah...

HUUH?

HE'D LOSE TO HAITORA'

AHH BUT FATHER'S COOL TOO'

ENOUGH YOU TWO

OF COURSE

HAITORA IS COOL'

SO COOL

LET'S CONFIRM OUR DIRECTION.

AT ANY RATE

DO YOU HEAR THE SMALL SOUND IT'S GIVING OFF?

IT'S A MINERAL YOU CAN FIND IN DESERT CAVES

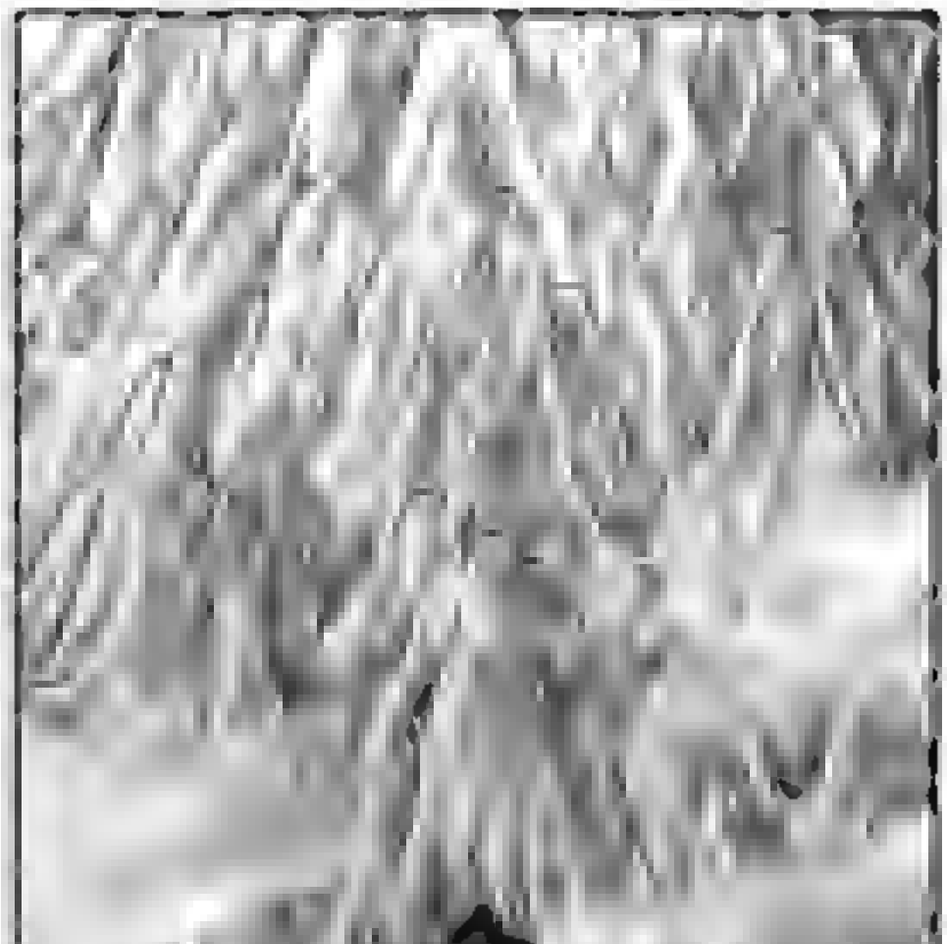
WHAT'S THAT?

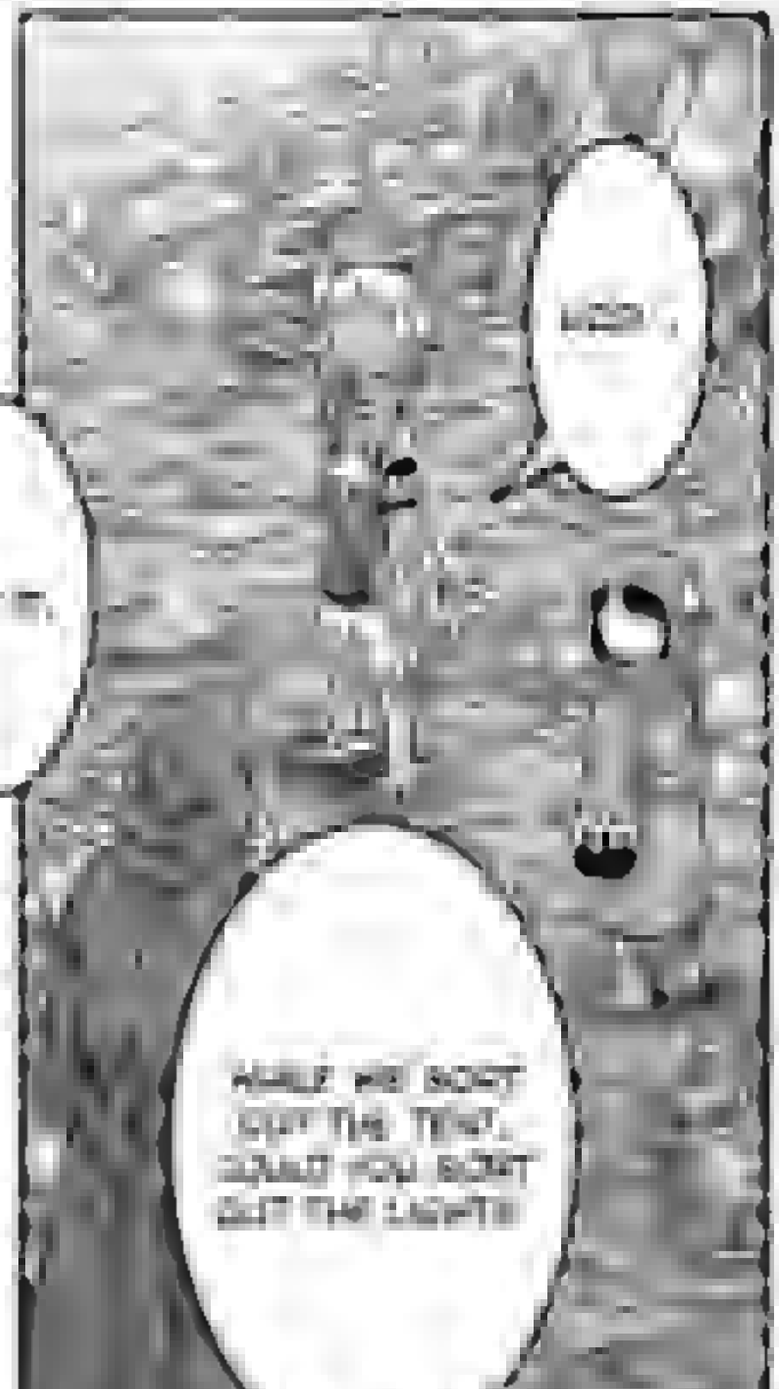
IT'S A MINERAL SEARCH TOOL

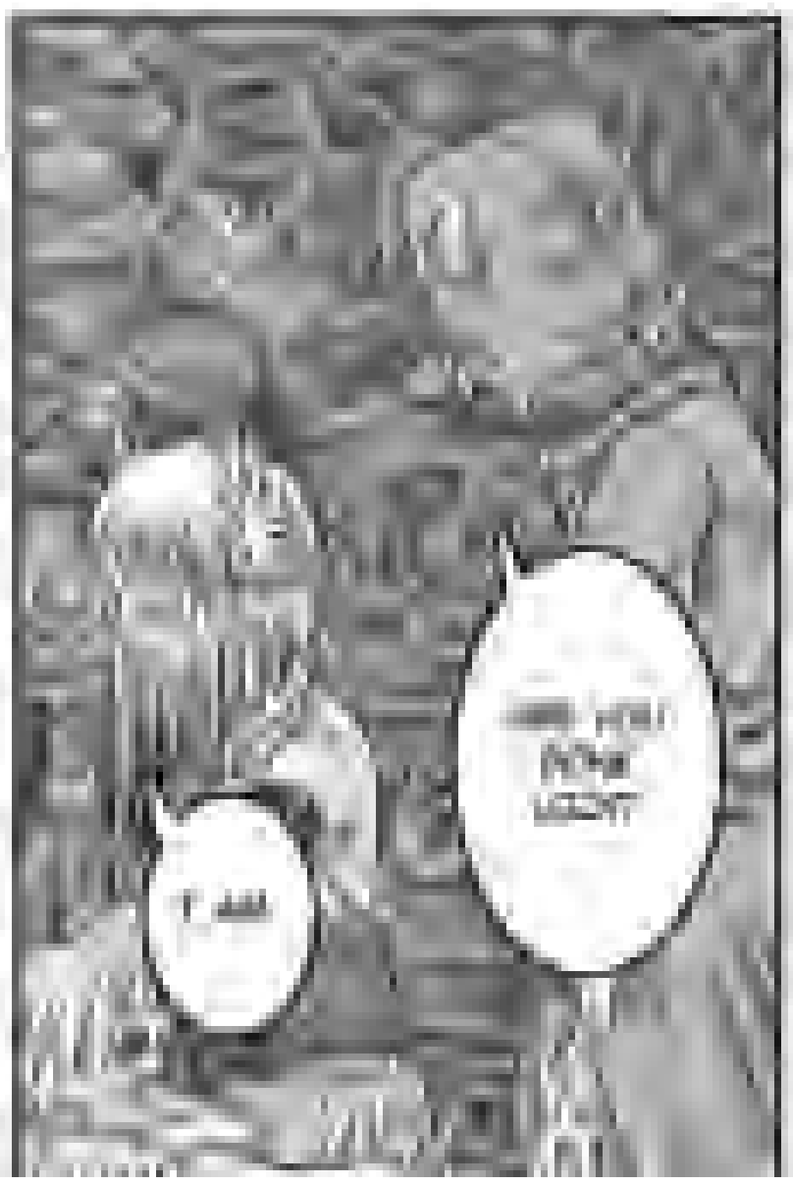
INSIDE THERE'S WHAT'S KNOWN AS A CALLING STONE

SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT A LASER REACTION INDUCES A LIFT IN THAT DIRECTION
YOU CAN THEN USE IT AS A SORT OF SEARCH TOOL TO FIND KINETIC LOCATIONS
IT'LL RESONATE WHEN IT'S CLOSE TO

WE CAN HOVER THE RIGHT IN THE CENTRE.







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WELL...

WHAT IS IT?

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HARPIES ARE RAISED BY THEIR MOTHERS, THEY HAVE NO FATHERS.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR REAL FATHER UZO?

I HEARD SHE PASSED AWAY FROM ILLNESS.

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THEN WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOTHER?

I LIKE HAITORA.

SO I'M NOT LONELY AT ALL.

BE-SIDES...

S... SORRY.

IT'S NOTHING REALLY.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SAME.

OH!

IT'S TIME TO GET BACK!

...

SOMALI LIKES FATHER TOO.

...

...!

!

HEAR ME OUT, PLEASE!

...!

I AM TOO...!

THE TRUTH IS, I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR A CURE FOR MY CURRENT EVIL.

PLEASE!

HELP ME STOP U3O!!

TRY AND TAKE SOMEBODY AWAY.

SIDE STORY

WHERE DO YOU THINK SOMALI'S GROUP ARE NOW?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I WANT TO GO TRAVEL-LING TOO.

BEEH?!

YOU END UP RISKING YOUR LIFE IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS.

RIGHT.

RIGHT MUSU-RIKA?

IT'S NOT ALL FUN AND GAMES TRAVEL-LING..

THEY'VE GOT LUCK ON THEIR SIDE.

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY.

EVEN IF THEY MEET A GIANT LIZARD THEY'LL BE FINE.

WILL SOMALI BE OKAY..

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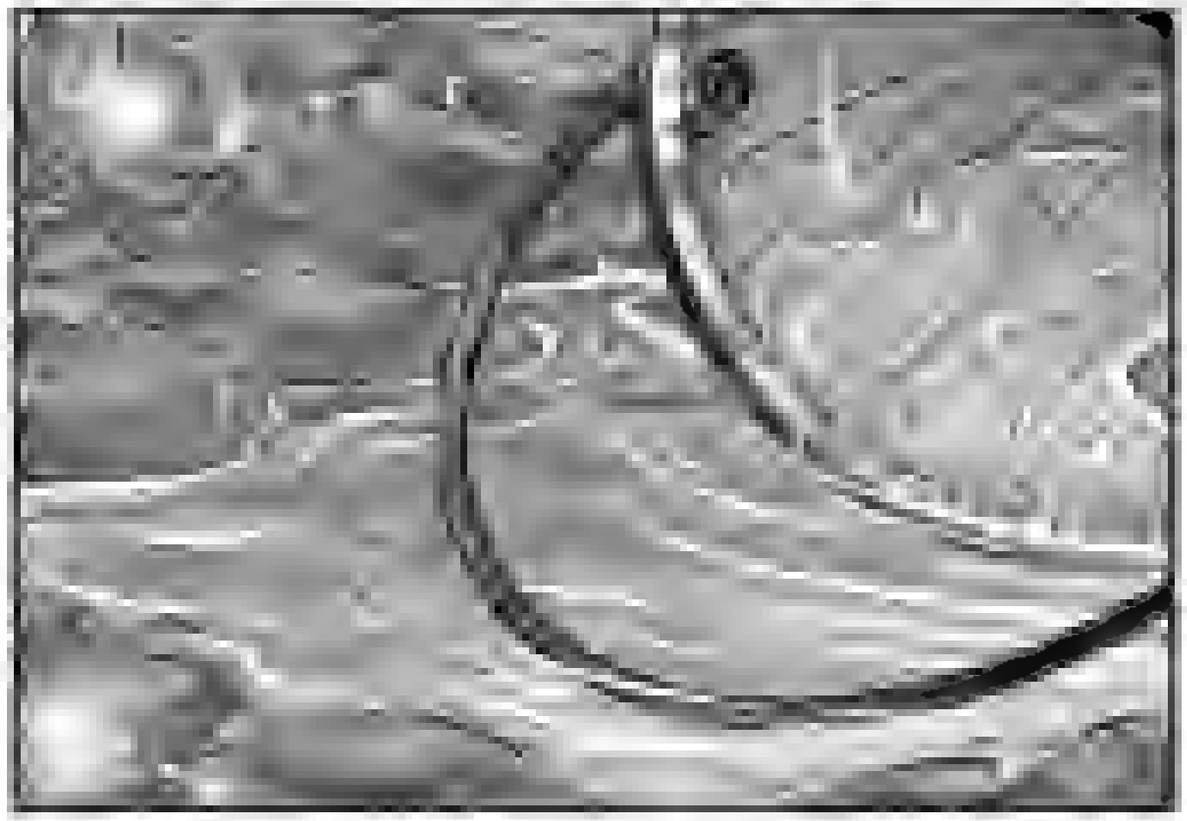
CHAPTER 10 HURRIED THOUGHTS



I'VE NOT THE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU.

THE PLAYER'S GROUND OUT!

YOU'RE .

HUMAN AREN'T YOU?

...!

AS THAT PROBLEM IS TO YOU

NATORA IS AS IMPORTANT TO ME

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE NATORA

BE TAKING YOUR LIFE.

N...

NO WAY!

WAIT UP!

!

FATHER...!

NO

NO WAY

MY FATHER...

MY DEAR...

MY...

YOU'LL NEED TO EXPLAIN THIS IN DETAIL.

JUST WHY DOES HE BELIEVE THAT PERMITTING SCHMIDT WILL HAVE LOST.

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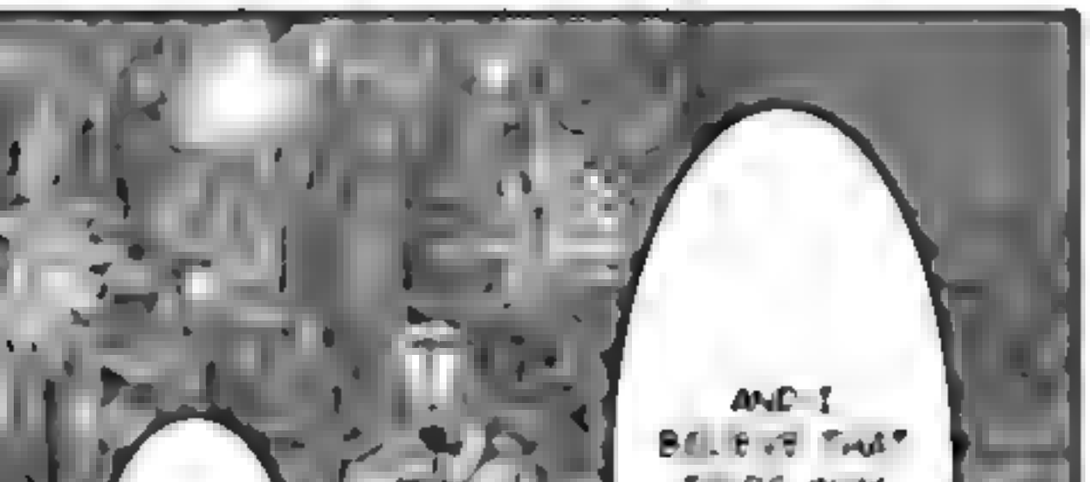
AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT PURIFY THAT DEFILED BLOOD...

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW PEACE.

SO, SOMEONE OF THE DEFILED BLOOD...


AND I BELIEVE THAT TO BE WHY SHE'S AFTER SUMMA!!
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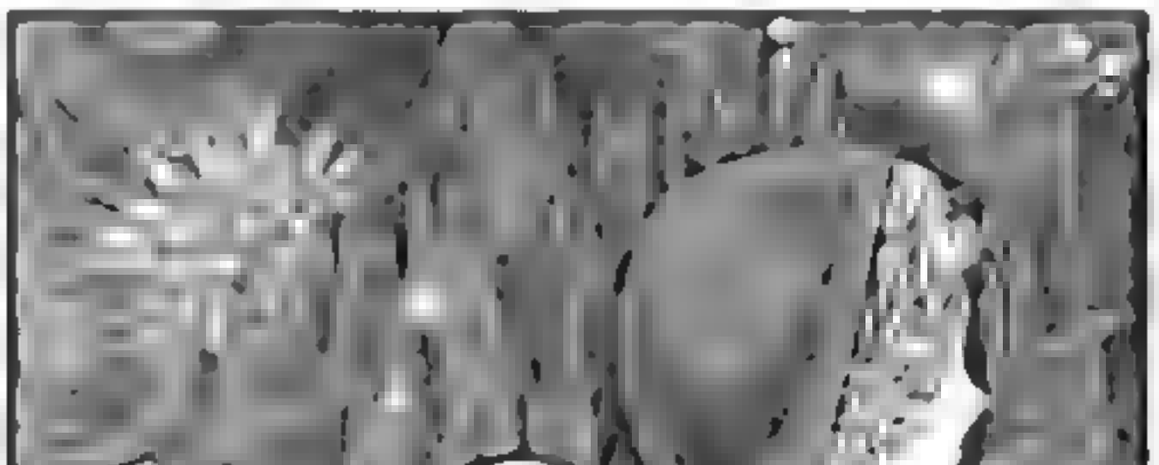
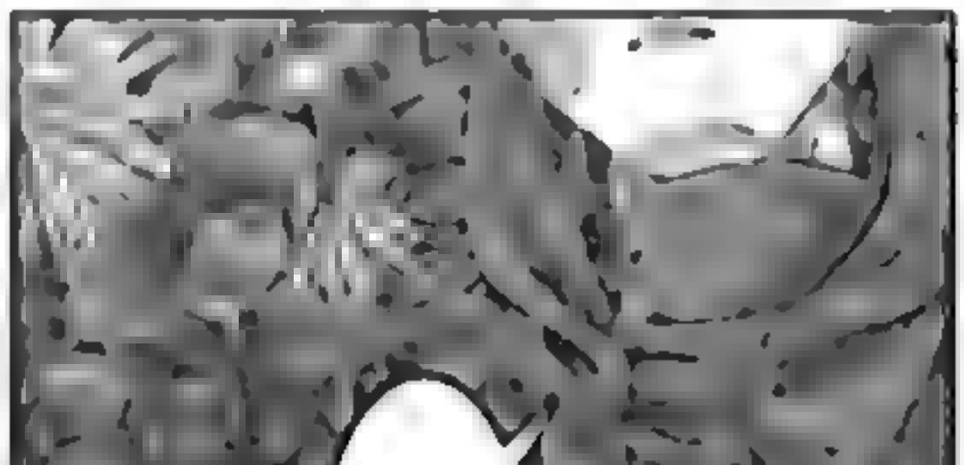
BE ME WHILE I'M WHAT THEY HAD SAID


EVEN WITH SUCH A MOTIVE...
YOU CANNOT STEAL SOMEONE POWERS FROM SOMEONE ELSE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WHA...?!

NGOO!

GOT YOU!

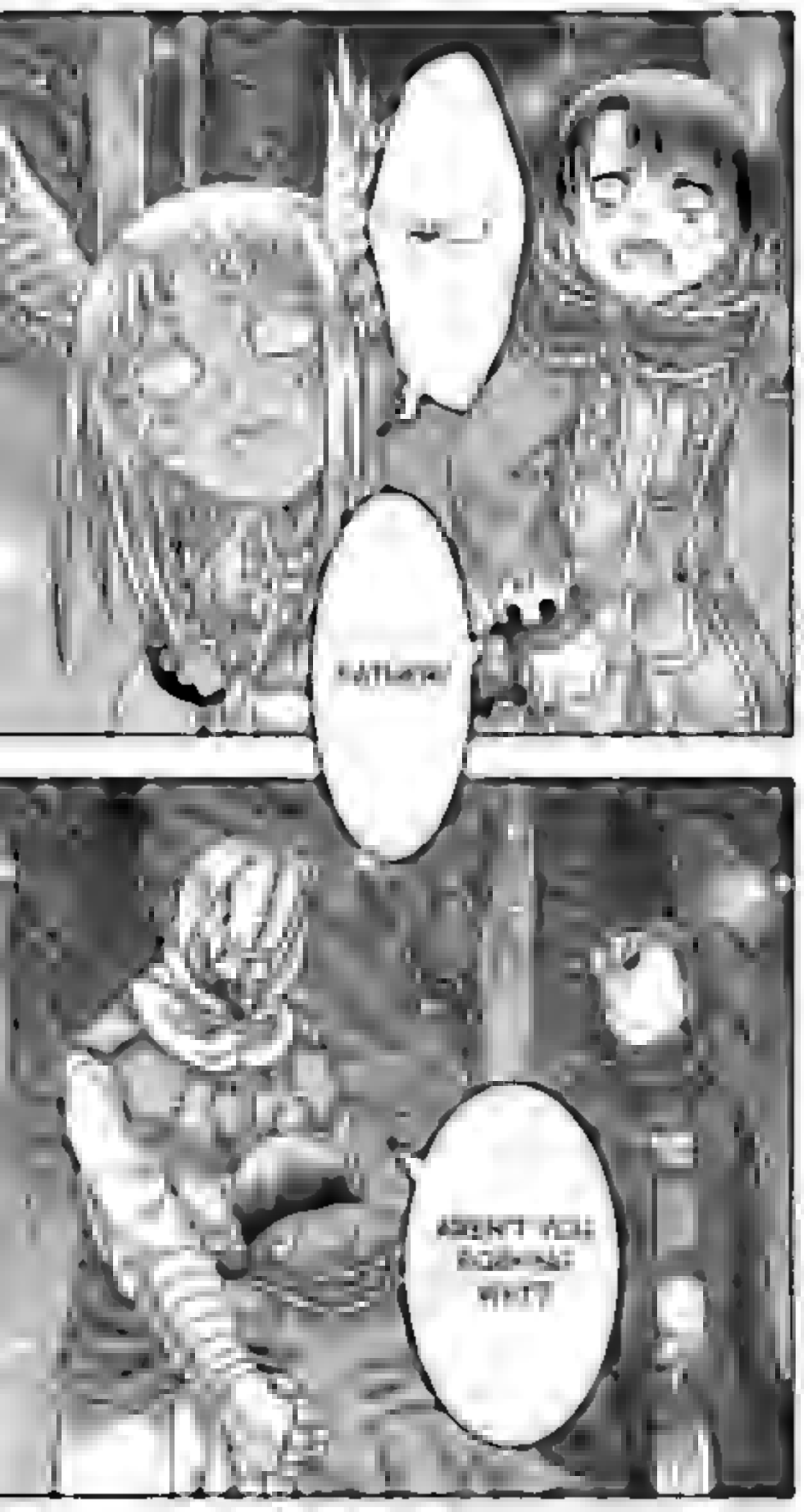
NOOO. GET OFF!

SOMALI!

IT'S... WARM...

I'M SORRY...

I CAN'T DO IT...



WAIT!

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PLEASE DON'T GET MAD!

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UZOI HELPED SAVE SOMALI!

...

UZOI

SO

IT WAS A...

TERRIBLE THING TO DO

IS THAT SO?

HATUQA !

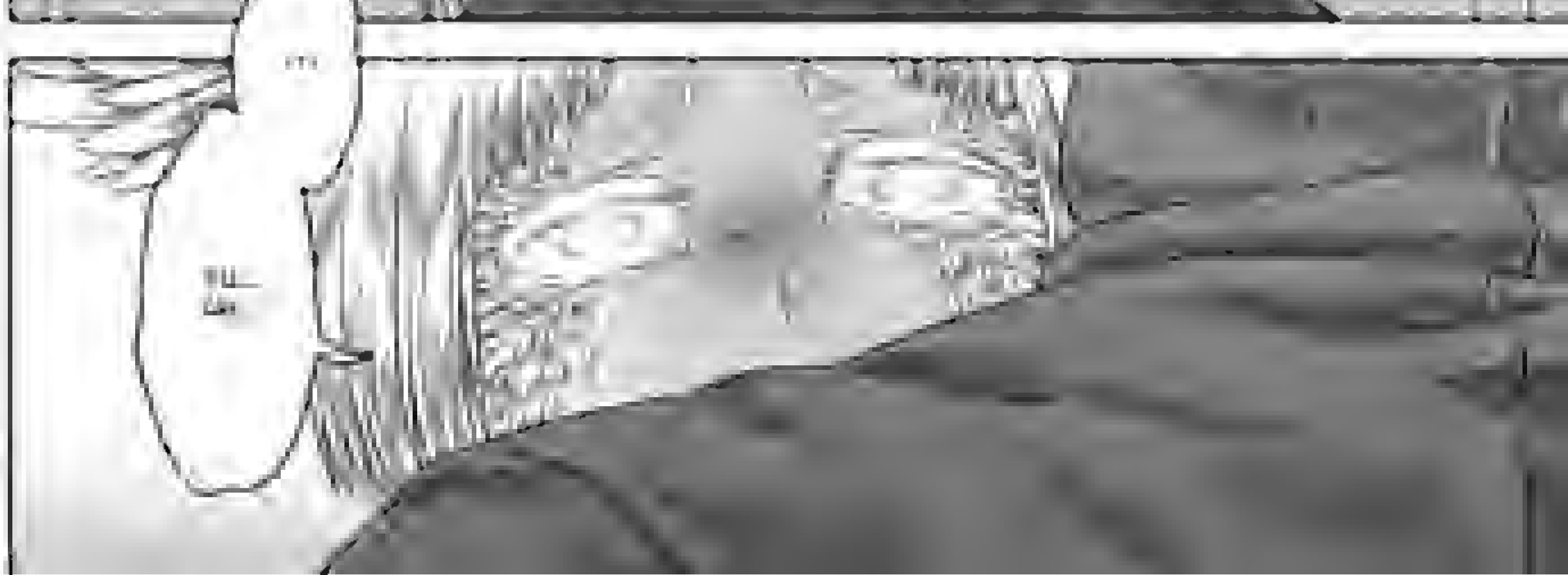
CONSIDERING DO IT

SOON YOU'LL...

BE DEAD!

NEED

IT'S



UWAAAAAAH!

MY APOLOGIES FOR TODAY'S TROUBLES.

IT'S THE OBVIOUS COURSE OF ACTION FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

NO...

I'VE NO INTENTION OF BLAMING UZOI.

SHOULDN'T EVEN BE CALLED A FAMILY MEMBER TO UZOI.

I...

...

WHY?

THAT WHICH IS GROWING FROM MY HUMAN FLESH...

DON'T YOU THINK THEY'RE SIMILAR?

AND THE FEATHERS GROWING FROM UZOI'S EYES AND BODY...

A LONG TIME AGO...

I ATE UZOI'S MOTHER.

CHAPTER 19 - END

SIDE STORY

RIGHT.

ARE YOU COLD NOW?

SOMALI'S FINE.

STILL...

I'M SORRY...

TRULY I AM...

NUAAH.

LET'S SEE YOUR CRYING FACE THEN!

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HMPH.

YOU'RE A REAL CRYBABY UZOI.

YOU'RE AN ODD KID...

GEEZ...

IT'S FINE, WE'RE FRIENDS SO SOMALI'LL LET YOU OFF.